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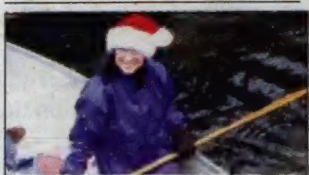
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Tornado was the worst and best of 2006

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times Staff

Think of how many life-changing events can transpire over 365 days. To some, a year passes by too quickly, and for others, not soon enough. Whatever the outlook one has on how long a year can feel, the timeframe can be one filled with great highs and lows.

After speaking with many Minden leaders, it became clear that 2006's worst event actually created the best event: the creation of a strong unity between residents.

"The worst thing to happen in 2006 were the tornadoes that hit August 2. However, one of the best things was that even with the severity of the storm, there was no loss of life," says Eleanor Harrison, Algonquin Highlands reeve.

Bonnie Fleischaker, co-chair of the Trent Severn Waterway Coalition for Equitable Water Flow, says that no event compares to the devastation of the three tornadoes.

"I think the tornado is the worst event for everyone. There was loss to thousands of mature trees. We were out of power for two weeks," says Fleischaker. "I'm thankful I have no property damage to my home, but hundreds of trees were down. After August 2nd, we no longer had a summer."

Betty and Bruce Moffatt suffered some of the worst damage at their Beech Lake home. In addition to the loss of 70 trees on their property, the couple lost their docks and brand new boat.

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Let's get out of here!

"It was cold," said Scott Higgins (centre), as he quickly emerges from the icy waters of Buttermilk Falls on New Year's Day. About 15 people took part in the Polar Bear Swim to raise money for the HERS safe place for women in Minden. Since the bracing dip was for a good cause, Higgins says "it's all worthwhile." He is joined by Jody Howes and Jeff Fennell.

GST cut a highlight of MP's year

by DAVID NESSETH
Times Staff

It's a been quite a year on the federal scene, says local MP Barry Devolin, who credits "the

new government's" Prime Minister with breathing life into stagnant political discussion.

"The last couple years of [Jean] Chretien and the first two years of [Paul] Martin, there was the

general sense that as a country we were coasting a little bit," Devolin says. "I think now we're engaged, and people maybe really like what's happening or really

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dislike it, but at least there's stuff happening and things are changing."

So what stood out for Devolin in a year that actually began with his re-election. Something he says has given him a feeling of "confirmation" about his role as an MP? It was a year that included issues such as income trusts, GST cuts, the revisiting of same-sex marriage, softwood lumber and Quebec as a nation.

Devolin received more correspondence on the definition of marriage than on any other issue in '06. More than 80 per cent of the messages he received were from riding residents in favour of marriage existing solely between a man and woman.

"Most people sending me e-mails knew what my position was and were encouraging me to maintain my position. There weren't heavy sales jobs."

In the end, Devolin said he felt the second vote was a fair one, and clearly most ridings throughout Canada did not share his viewpoint on the issue.

As far as negative comments are concerned, Devolin



Of course, winning last January's election was also a highlight for the riding's federal MP, Barry Devolin. He's proud of his government's achievements since then.

said most were reserved for the changes to income trust, especially from those who keep an eye on their portfolios daily.

"There was a big drop in one day," Devolin said of the financial loss. "The amount of mail has dropped off dramatically because even the income trust market itself has bounced back."

The announcement came as a response to major

Canadian corporations changing their corporate structures into income trusts to gain huge tax advantages.

Two of Devolin's proudest moments in '06 that directly affect the riding of Victoria-Kawartha Lakes-Brock are the extension of funding for the Eastern Ontario Funding Program and the recent green light for a review of the water practices on the Trent-Severn Waterway.

"For communities like Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls that are along the system, it has a big economic impact on them," Devolin said of the waterway. "That's another thing I worked on with two or three colleagues and persuaded the Minister of the Environment to go ahead and do it."

On a national level, Devolin felt the end of the softwood lumber dispute with the U.S. was a victory for the country. For the most part.

"We got kind of three-quarters of a loaf rather than a full loaf, but I think that was the right decision and it allows us to move forward," Devolin said.

The decision to recognize Quebec as a nation within a united Canada also stands out for Devolin. He said the atmosphere within the Commons was charged. People could sense it was an important event.

"One day it could be in history textbooks," Devolin said.

Men over 60 filled out an extremely high percentage of the recent questionnaires Devolin's office recently mailed out, which asked constituents how he's doing. This gives him an excellent idea of what older male voters are thinking, Devolin said. "Unfortunately it leaves me a little bit blind in terms of what younger people are thinking. Maybe I need to come up with a better tool to get more input."

As far as improvement is concerned, Devolin said he's made it a priority to learn more about agriculture in order to be more effective in 2007. He's come a long way, but he knows there's still more to do. He feels cash crop farmers "dodged a bullet" in '06 after commodity prices went up on grain, wheat and corn. Yields were also reasonable, he said, but the structural problem with the system is still there.

"If I lay in bed at night and worry about something in the context of 'what more can I do?'," Devolin said.

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Top: Brave swimmers ran into Boshkung Lake New Year's Day to raise more than \$2500 for the YWCA HERS emergency safe place for women. The swim was held at the Buttermilk Falls Resort and organized by staff from That Place in Carnarvon.

Left: Vanessa Davis of Minden said the water was freezing. "My whole body was numb. I didn't think it would be as long of a walk out. But it was, so I just dove in."

Center: Polar bear swimmer Carol Moffatt tries to dunk Algonquin Highlands firefighter Rob Sargent, but he eventually went in on his own without the wetsuit. "You've sort of steeled your body to do it," Moffatt said. "Your brain says all kinds of words you can't say out loud. But it's not that bad. The YWCA is a great community organization, and the women's shelter is a long time coming."

Right: Moffatt jokes around with Martyn Mavor before she takes the plunge (in her bathing suit).

Photos by Casey Lessard

August tornadoes bring the community together

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Their boathouse suffered damage, as did their home. It took the pair two days to clear the road before they could even leave their residence and fully assess the damage.

"The good thing out of all of it was no one was hurt. I'm just thankful no one was injured. People got together and helped out, it was fantastic," says Betty Moffatt. "We had a lot of free help."

The wreckage in the Minden storm alone cost \$7 million in damage between HydroOne and Bell. HydroOne customs operation manager Bill Smeaton explained that the storms were widespread, from Georgian Bay to Bancroft.

"The storms definitely were very devastating this summer, but it still was a good year for us," says Smeaton.

Despite the repairs that had to be done following Mother Nature's wrath, all scheduled projects were completed for the year. Every year, the electricity company changes defective poles and hardware as well as implement line improvement for local residents, and all this was completed before the new year.

"It's been pretty well cleared up. A lot of maintenance work had to be done but the fact that all Minden area scheduled work got completed for the year is outstanding," says Smeaton.

Immediately after the storm, HydroOne did a sweep of badly affected areas to locate problems such as dangerous trees. Outage reports will allow HydroOne to pinpoint how often a particular section of line goes out and for how long. Such reports done by the company indicate where to put funds into areas so that outage times

can be shortened, especially in remote areas.

Although the storm took out lines, Smeaton emphasized that the unfortunate circumstance resulted in something positive for locals.

"The great story behind all of this is how it brought the community together. People were outstanding. Our executive downtown couldn't believe that we had literally no customer complaints, a huge credit to the people in this area," says Smeaton.

Minden residents can expect over four million dollars' worth of line relocation to be completed in 2007. The storm may have rocked Minden, but the damage seems to have been a blessing in disguise for what has become an event that has bonded the community even further.

Even though Minden has experienced environmental torment last year, there are many achievements.

"Certainly the opening of the new OPP station on Hwy 35 was a great highlight of 2006, especially for me. It was 11 years in the making and to see it come to reality was great," said Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon.

McMahon says the new office provides security for its residents as well as providing a state of the art facility that contributes to the progressiveness of the town. He also notes that the first phase of the River Walk is completed, and this marks for him a great accomplishment for the people of Minden.

Bonnie Fleischaker also can look back at 2006 as a momentous year as a co-chair of the Trent Severn Waterway Coalition for Equitable Water Flow.

"As a resident the best thing that happened in 2006 was the official recognition of lakefront property owners," said Fleischaker. "Having a voice regarding water man-



Uprooted trees brought heartache to many after three tornadoes ripped through the Highlands on August 2. People spent weeks cleaning up the damage.

agement of the Trent Severn Waterway is amazing. Hundreds of people before me have worked on this for decades and finally we're getting somewhere."

Now that a new year is upon us, McMahon and Harrison have many hopes for it.

"My new years resolution is that Algonquin Highlands will finally have a septage treatment facility. We've been working on that since amalgamation. My new year's resolution is that I intend to work hard for a septage facility," says Harrison.

McMahon also has set his goals and is ready to put his initiatives into full gear.

"I want to continue with the downtown revitalization and I want to see phase two of the River Walk move ahead. We're going to have a very aggressive economic development committee that Bill Obee and I will be spearheading," says McMahon. "I firmly believe that if you don't go out and ask businesses to come to Minden, they won't come."

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Green Christmas doesn't faze local businesses or resorts

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times Staff

The lack of snow and unseasonably warm weather didn't slow down Minden businesses this holiday season. Although cottagers and visitors typically flock up north for a winter wonderland, companies say holiday sales were relatively on par to last year.

Local resorts were unfazed by the green Christmas.



Since the Venner family of Ingoldsby was unable to go skiing or tobogganing on Christmas Day, this was their choice of activity! The four of them got in their canoes and went for a paddle on Lake Kashagawigamog. A canoeist was also seen paddling along the Gull River in Minden while one boating enthusiast took advantage of the warmer than usual weather to get in one more ride for the year, motoring under the Allsaw bridge just a few days before Christmas. Because the water is very chilly, people are urged to be extra cautious if they venture out on our waterways.

Ogopogo and Buttermilk Falls resort owners say that's because families and couples book months in advance.

"The numbers of guests are pretty much the same. People still like to get away, no matter what the weather is like," says Pat Bett of Buttermilk Falls Resort.

Visitors during the week of Christmas remained steady but Bruce McClennan, owner of Ogopogo Resort, says that may not be the same for the new year.

"We haven't had any reductions up until now. Having said that, there will be an impact the first few weeks of January if there is no snow," says McClennan.

Warming temperatures can reduce the number of travellers, but it can also lead residents out of town to do their shopping. Patricia Chaulk, Photo Solutions manager, says that this year, locals seemed to have stayed in town.

"It was probably a little less busier than last year, but busy enough. I definitely thought because of the weather it was going to be worse. We still found a lot of locals who were shopping here, so it wasn't an overly big hit from the weather," says Chaulk.

"It was pretty well the same as last year, no big changes," says Jamie Dollo, IGA manager.

Freezing rain makes for a busy New Year's for taxis

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times Staff

Icy road conditions made transporting residents difficult for Minden Taxi drivers on New Year's Eve. The poor road visibility and unsafe roads made shuttling residents home after new year celebrations rather uneasy.

Over 120 calls were placed to Minden Taxi on the last day of 2006. Owner Kelvin Mann says that December 31st is always an extremely busy time. Minden residents rung in the new year with various celebrations at private residences and local resorts.

"There were quite a few parties going on, well over a hundred. But once it's midnight, people want to head home. It was quite tricky trying to get people home because of the ice."

Three of Mann's taxis were taking people home that night and Mann says the phone calls were constant. But despite his best efforts, it wasn't feasible to risk a driver's safety to reach locations on back roads.

Slick roads resulted in one driver sliding down backwards on Duck Lake Road after hitting a snow bank. The driver was uninjured and managed to find an alternate route to safety.

"Most people were quite understanding and waited patiently," Mann says. "Some places we just couldn't get to. It wasn't worth risking a driver and vehicle so people made arrangements or just stayed where they were."

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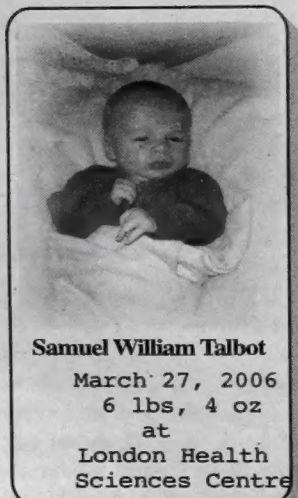
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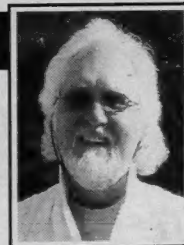
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

A fond farewell

THE MINDEN TIMES would like to say thanks and farewell to our Stanhope correspondent, Pauline Johnston. She has been a faithful weekly chronicler of the township's events for two years and we've been lucky to have her aboard. Because she is so involved in many facets of community life she had a keen sense of what was happening – which really came in handy those weeks when people didn't phone her with their own news to share. Her writing gave new energy to her reports, infused as they were with the passion and dedication she brings to everything she does.

While it is these skills that made her so invaluable to us and our readers, we are happy that they will not be lost now that she is stepping down as our correspondent.

This will be a busy year for Johnston. She is spearheading the creation of R.D. Lawrence Place, a new building at the Minden Cultural Centre (where she is writer-in-residence). It will house the archives of the late nature writer and celebrate the many contributions he made as a chronicler of our natural world.

This is such an exciting project, especially since it will be built by students in Fleming College's sustainable building program. Using natural materials such as straw, and featuring many energy-saving components, the building itself will be a testament to everything Ron Lawrence believed in. Tread lightly, he said. Do the less harm. Respect our limited resources. By teaching us more about nature – the plants and animals, forests and seas – he wanted us to be aware of our role in protecting it. He also wanted us to care about our actions. Humans are hugely capable of respecting and admiring our natural environment but they are equally able to destroy it.

R.D. Lawrence Place will be yet another feather in the cap of the Minden Cultural Centre which is well on its way towards becoming a respected and envied gathering place for the arts, heritage and, now, the written word. As home of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, County Town Museum and library, as well as the County Town Conjurers theatrical group, it is a model of how a community can come together to promote and enhance those aspects of our lives that define us as a community.

Time for resolutions

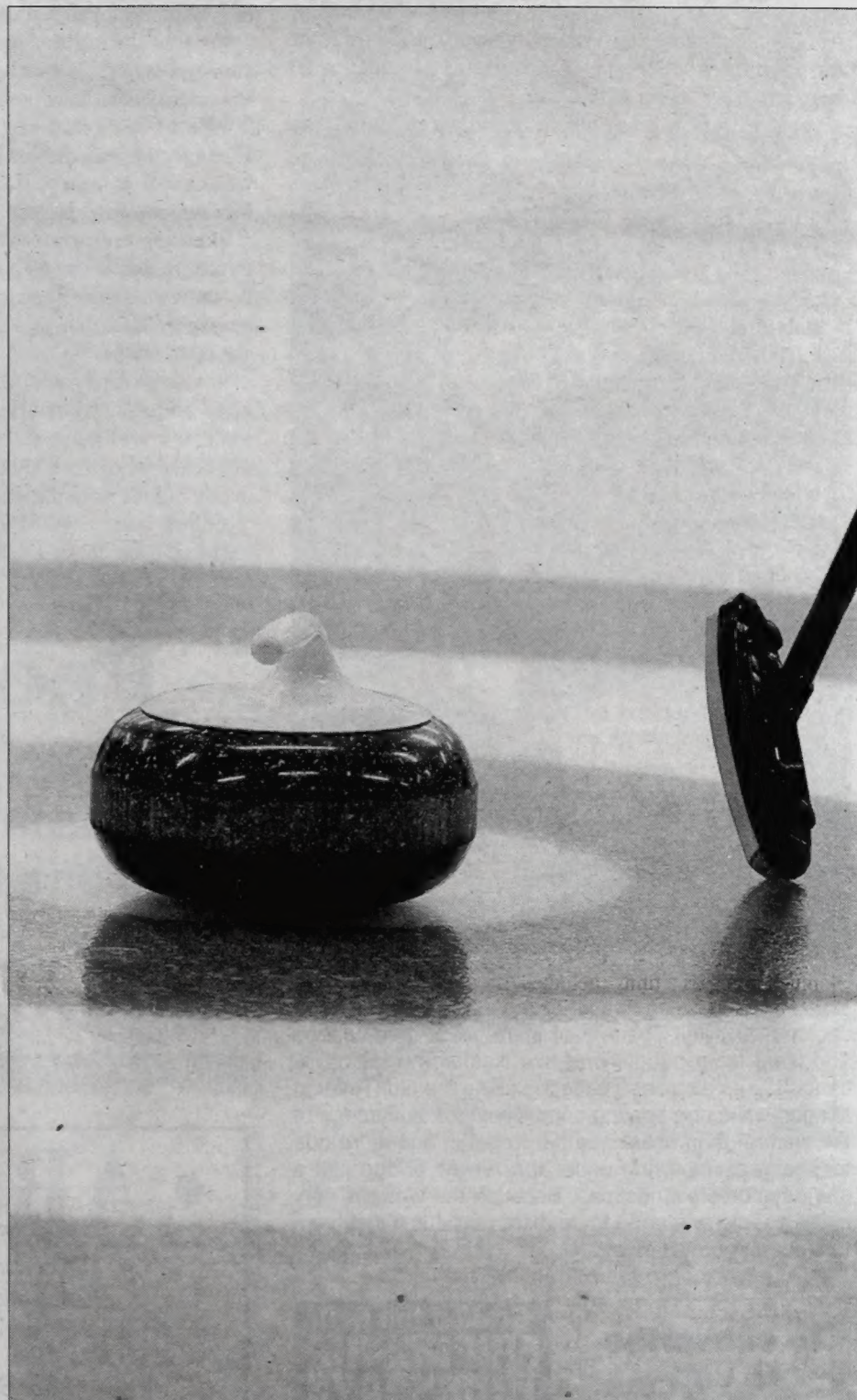
If we were to follow our internal cultural clocks, the new year would begin the Tuesday after Labour Day. For most of us, that's when the year really feels new. Long after we graduate from high school or post-secondary education, we can't shake the nervous excitement that comes with the first working day of September. The new school year always signalled the beginning of new hopes and aspirations, the resumption of friendships and even a new wardrobe.

Compared to that, January 1 seems a rather arbitrary date to herald new beginnings. The only thing we really have to celebrate is the beginning of longer days and an end to all that Christmas over-indulgence. Maybe it's because we've eaten too much, spent too much, and exercised too little that we are prone to making resolutions for new beginnings.

The past year definitely gave us challenges to overcome. But the strengths we gained from facing adversity head on will put us in good stead this year. We know we can withstand the ferocious wrath of nature and emerge stronger as a collection of communities. We know that although bad things happen, good can come out of them.

So let's leave the bad behind and begin 2007 with faith in better things ahead.

Martha Perkins



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Rocking in the New Year

Photo by Martha Perkins.

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Look to the future

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Friends of the Frost Centre I would like to thank everyone in the community who supported our bid to operate the Frost Centre. Your words of encouragement, your attendance at the community forum, your donations, and your membership gave us the will and courage to prepare a strong proposal.

We are proud of what we accomplished: presenting the government with an option that would have provided affordable and accessible programs for a wide variety of learners; helping achieve some of the government's own strategic priorities; and serving the local community in significant ways.

Contrary to what has been reported in the media, our proposal was not about opening the Centre as it was; it offered, by necessity, a new way of doing things. We are, of course, disappointed that we were not the successful bidder; we gave it our best shot. That said, it is now time to look to the future.

On Saturday, January 6, at the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Frost Centre, the future of the organization will be decided. Some options that will be considered include the following:

1. Continuing as a co-operative association to support, enhance and offer affordable environmental education programs to a wide range of learners and to support

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Not a lot of resolve

I AM NOT REALLY big on New Year's resolutions - which is why I only make them once a year. The way I see it, they are not good for a person's self-esteem.

Here's why. On New Year's morning, you promise yourself that you are going to lose weight and get in shape, for example. So, you start off doing all the right things. You exercise more, eat healthier, consume smaller portions, drink lots of water, wear a track suit, sneakers and head band, and so on. You are pumped up and serious about this. But then - in the afternoon - things get all crazy and you eat a large slab of chocolate cake that your wife has left out, right in harm's way.

Suddenly, you are filled with self-loathing and unneeded calories. So you do the only thing you can do - you eat to forget. Just like that, one more resolution bites the dust and you feel sad about it. The rest are sure to follow.

Now, I ask you, wouldn't it be so much better if our resolutions actually made us feel better about ourselves?

That's why, starting today, I'm making hundreds of carefully thought-out resolutions - the trick is, I'm not making any of them for me. No sir, they are for others.

I got the idea from my wife. Heck, ever since we met she has made a hobby of making resolutions for me and she seems to get a lot of satisfaction in doing so. So, I thought I'd give it a whirl.

When you give it some thought, it makes perfect sense. At Christmas, we're told that it's better to give than to receive, right? So why would things change a mere week later?

Trust me, this is the best idea I've had yet.

Yesterday morning, for instance, I made a resolution that all my friends and neighbours would regularly give money to the less fortunate. I then resolved that they should consider me less fortunate. Of course, they have failed miserably in fulfilling these resolutions thus far. Okay, they got the second part right but that really doesn't help things.

Anyhow, you'd think I'd feel bad about this. But actually nothing could be further from the truth. You see, their abject failure has been very good for my self-esteem. I mean these are fine upstanding people who couldn't keep a couple of simple resolutions that I secretly imposed upon them. And not knowing about it is no excuse either. They could have asked. I'm very approachable.

Anyhow, it just makes me think, if they can't keep a few resolutions, how could anyone possibly expect someone as irresponsible as me to do so? You see where I'm going with this?

Suddenly, I don't feel so bad about having yet another piece of chocolate cake. I really think I'm onto something here. You ought to try it.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Answering technology's call

IT IS THE RINGING of a telephone that touches off a hullabaloo one morning in the tearoom of the Sapsucker Arms.

Truth to tell, the noise that brings the waitress running from the kitchen is not so much a ring as a tinny melody, a ring tone, to be precise.

The Torreadors Waltz once and twice and then waltz again and are getting pretty tired of their dance by the time Gretchen picks up the toaster to answer the call.

It is when the waitress finally gets her hands on the tearoom's new toasterphone that all heck breaks loose.

For, you see, Gretchen's urgent summons by the ring tone makes her forget that the telephone is already in use as, well, a toaster.

Just as she picks it up, Old Delahanty's gooseberry bagel, done to a crisp, pops out and goes sailing through the air.

The old curmudgeon knocks over two chairs and a coat-rack making a leaping catch of one slice of his pastry and The Brown Dog Jiggs rouses himself in time to snatch the other slice off his pawtots.

Man and dog both yelp and so does Gretchen when the toaster reminds her hand that it is hot. She dons an oven mitt

to hold it near her ear and a tendril of hair begins to smoulder.

"Is Old Delahanty there?" says a voice that clearly belongs to Young Robicheaux even though it is coming from the toaster.

The toasterphone seemed like a good idea when the salesman told her about it. It would free up her cell phone for more important jobs, like snapping pictures he told her.

Now she is beginning to wonder if it was such a good idea, but she switches on the toaster's loudspeaker option so everybody can hear Robicheaux ask for Delahanty, who speaks into the toaster to affirm that he is, indeed, present.

"I've been trying to reach you," the young fellow says. Robicheaux was cut off from the world until just recently because he lives so far back in the woods beyond Horned Grebe Lake that he is out of the reach of any cell phone tower.

But somebody gave him an old laptop computer that he powers with a treadmill

driven by captured field mice and now he has the computer and a telephone linked to a satellite 5,000 miles up in the sky.

"Gretchen burned her hand answering your call," Delahanty tells him. "And The Brown Dog ate half of my gooseberry bagel. He's just finished cleaning up the crumbs."

"It was my fault," Gretchen says. "I was watching The Young and The Restless on the screen on the door of my new refrigerator and when the toaster rang I just picked it up without thinking."

Robicheaux elaborates. "I was trying to text-message your cell phone from my computer."

"And I was trying to telephone your computer with my cell phone," Delahanty says. "I have a new toy for your computer."

"It's a Norwegian Navy Knife. It has all of the usual attachments plus it has a memory stick. So if you happen to be whittling out there at your cabin and suddenly have the need of some computer memory, why, you have it right there."



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

All invited to AGM

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other environmental initiatives in the Frost Centre area;

2. Changing to a community foundation for environmental and heritage education that would develop and offer learning programs and services and support learning initiatives in the Haliburton and/or Muskoka;

3. Transforming into a community foundation to serve other community needs; or

4. Dissolving as an organization and forfeiting our charitable status.

Obviously, all options, except the fourth, require ongoing community sup-

port and participation. If you are interested in helping to shape the future of the Friends of the Frost Centre, we invite you to attend our annual general meeting at the Kinmount Community Centre, (2 Dickson Street, Kinmount, Ontario) on January 6 at 10:00 a.m.. Only members will be allowed to vote.

For more information or to sign up as a member please visit www.friendsofthefrostcentre.ca, call 705-488-2801, 705-754-3436 or e-mail friendsofthefrostcentre@gmail.com.

Thank you again for all of your support.

Max Radiff
President

Friends of the Frost Centre

Tag misuse harms all

To the Editor:

We care about the environment and the wildlife, also we worry about global warming. But some people abuse the privilege of being human. On numerous occasions on visiting the Minden dump I observed some people's abuse of the tag system operated by the township. A lady in a black car told the attendant she had one bag tagged but then opened her trunk to deposit an extra four untagged bags. On another occasion a white truck's owner said he had two bags tagged but uncovered, and I counted, 13, yes 13 untagged bags. I told the attendant, who said the people in question did not have a contract for waste with

the township.

On these occasions I did not take registration numbers, but in future I will. Then I'll inform the township.

We recycle almost 99.5 percent of our waste and most of the time we only have half a bag but this goes to the dump tagged each week.

All adults should be responsible for their actions to protect the children of the next generation and preserve our wildlife so all can enjoy this very small world of ours.

B. Hipwell
Minden

Minden ends 2006 curling season with J.O. Jackson bonspiel

by DON PFLUG
Special to the Times

This popular bonspiel, played at the Minden Curling Club between Christmas and New Years', attracts teams from Bancroft, Huntsville, Port Perry, cottagers from Toronto as well as Minden and Haliburton.

The event, started in 1993, honours J. O. Jackson who was a Minden businessman, as well as the Minden Curling Club ice maker and club member for many years.

The winning teams of the first draw were skipped by Alf Trotter, first place, Ted Wilkes, second and Don Pflug, third. The second draw winners were Don

Ballantyne, 1 first place, Scotty Boyd, second and George O'Donnell, third.

The overall winner of the bonspiel was the team of Alf Trotter, skip, Bob Pollard, vice, Ryan Cole, second and Bob Walli, lead.

Each team member of the winning teams received steaks and there was a raffle table with a variety of interesting items donated by Labatts.

The curlers enjoyed a great roast pork dinner prepared and served by Zelda Cooper and her able helpers: Julie Clark, Marion Gillanders, Sandra von Hunnius, Judith McNeillage and Barb Millington, with Gerald Clark and Peter McNeillage adding a little manpower.



Ryan Cole, who plays second on skip Alf Trotter's team, watches as his stone gets swept away by teammates Bob Pollard, vice, and Bob Walli, lead. The rink ended up winning the top prize in the annual J.O. Jackson bonspiel, with the trophy presented by the late businessman's widow, Jean, and their son Michael.



Although the competition is stiff, camaraderie is still paramount during the spiel. Here Bob Walli shares a laugh with his opponent.

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Coming in second was Ted Wilkes' team. Here the skip keeps an eye on the stone as it heads towards knocking out their opponents' best efforts.



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High Single: Ken Thompson, 271
High Single HC: Robert Terro, 295
High Triple: Ken Thompson, 643
High Triple Ian Comrie, 752

Women

High Average: Marie Thompson, 173
High Single: Judy Phipps, 223
High Single HC: Judy Phipps, 277
High Triple: Judy Phipps, 542
High Triple HC: Judy Phipps, 704

Thursday Afternoon - December 21

Men

High Average: Ken Thompson, 214
High Single: Ken Thompson, 258
High Single HC: Bill Hogg, 253
High Triple: Ken Thompson, 647
High Triple HC: Doug Burtch, 692

Women

High Average: Josie Cheesman, 166
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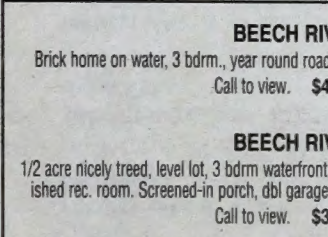
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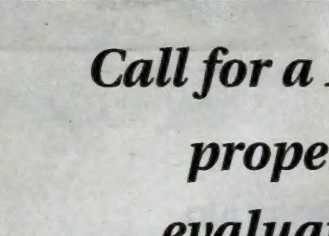


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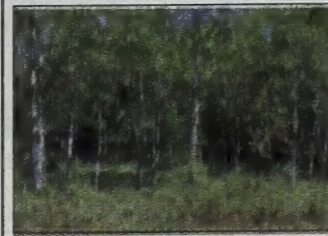


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Fri, Apr 13 6:00pm-10:00pm
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DANCE

Ballroom Dancing ARTS817
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FEE \$97.00

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Wed Jan 24-Mar 28 6:00pm-7:00pm
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Ballroom Dancing III ARTS833
Wed, April 4 - June 6
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Mon - Sat, Apr 16 - Apr 21 9:00am-4:30pm
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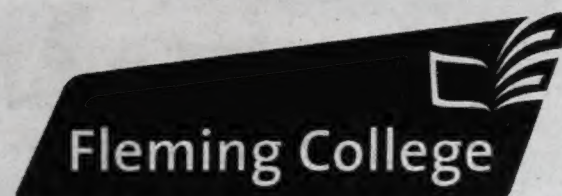
Makeup Application I COSM012
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It has been a busy week here at the old farmhouse with Austin and Ben, tired parents in tow, arriving on Christmas Eve in time to set up the Santa Stops Here sign on the hearth along with a variety of snacks for the reindeer. David, Rita, Emma and Justin were here Christmas morning in good time for opening presents and to celebrate David's birthday as well. For older daughter Megan's crew there was great anticipation of Bronco's pending arrival in two more sleeps. On the fridge door his photo from the rescue dog Internet website rounded out nicely my rogue's gallery of assorted children. Real-life pilot Justin's remote control airplane, a gift from Emma, was a great hit soaring high above the heads of its rapt dooryard audience. As if drawn by a powerful magnet the plane headed straight for the tallest tree in the pony field. There it landed firmly wedged in the tree branches not once but twice with Graeme finally coming to the rescue. On the 27th we celebrated yet another wedding anniversary and the following

day Emma flew off to Florida for the rest of her vacation before heading back to Queen's.

As I write it is New Year's Eve, and I am content to stay put and ponder possible resolutions for 2007.

Recently on the television news there was a story about a prairie town whose residents had responded to one person's lead and enthusiastically embraced the philosophy of Pay It Forward, a title borrowed from the Hollywood film of the same name. This Pay, unlike many post Christmas credit card bills, does not involve dollars only a little extra caring, courtesy and concern. The basic idea is that if each person did something nice for someone else every day the benefits would snowball and a kinder community be created.

For 2007 let us all resolve to Pay It Forward. City dwellers, seasonal residents or visitors to the area, often have an ideal expectation of what life in the country is like. Let's put those "small" touches back into our small towns. Try a welcoming greeting to all those you pass on the street, holding a door open, sending a card or making a friendly phone call to a neighbour for no particular reason. To newcomers provide information about the many services and programs offered in your community which now they call home. Pay It Forward - the dividends are worth it.

The Kinmount Artisans Marketplace will be closed through the month of January re-opening on February 2

with winter hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Thank you to everyone who visited the Marketplace in 2006. A warm welcome will await your return in 2007.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. There are only four sets of results as most groups took a holiday over the holidays.

December 22 bid euchre at Club 35: Mary Pearson reports an enjoyable pre-Christmas evening with Garth Windsor, Chris Clarke and Marnie Butler taking the moonshots. Helen Windsor led the pinks with 279 points followed by Mary Pearson 214 and Marnie Butler 187. For the whites top spot went to Percy Butler at 244 then Garth Windsor second at 241 and Chris Clarke 220 third. Holding the hidden score was Jean Dutka.

December 22 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing the Howell system first place went to Diana Spicer and Margo Davidson at 57% with a tie for second between Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf and Bruce Armstrong partnered with Harold Cox at 50%. Thanks to our bridge correspondent Ross Fletcher who calls in the weekly results for the three bridge events.

December 27 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: For high hands the winner was Martha Harding, for lone hands Albert Foster and for low hands Jesse Barlow who also took home the special draw prize. Normally this is a Monday evening "happening" and convener Elaine Yeo reminds that new players of all skill levels are welcome to come.

December 31 bid euchre at Club 35: Good friends at Club 35 enjoyed bringing in the New Year together with bid euchre. Mary Pearson reports that the moonshot trio members were Garth Windsor, Chris Clarke and Marnie Butler with Marnie also holding the hidden score. Leading the pinks at 277 was Jane Swick with Helen Windsor 255 second and Jean Dutka 235 third. For the whites it was Percy Butler in top spot at 288 followed by Garth Windsor 275 and Jack Cox 260.

To all of you go out wishes for a happy, healthy New Year 2007 full of personal satisfaction.

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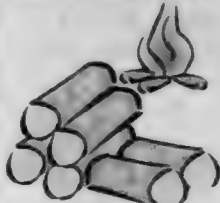
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Agnes Jamieson Gallery	Haliburton County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee	Minden Agriculture Society
Algonquin Gateway Business Association	Haliburton Highlands Health Professional Recruitment Committee	Minden Hills Cultural Centre
Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands	Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails	Minden Banner Committee
Canoe FM	Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council	Minden Hills Museum
Children's Water Festival	Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network	Minden Merchants Revitalization Committee
Community Care Haliburton County	Haliburton Highlands Writers & Editors Network	Redstone River Luge Club
Dorset Heritage Museum	Haliburton Sculpture Forest et al.	Ski Friends of the Frost Centre
EH! ~ Environment Haliburton	Health for Life Steering Committee	St. George's By the Lake
Family Services of Haliburton	Highlands Media Arts	U-Links
Haliburton ATV Association	Kinark Outdoor Centre	Wilberforce Curling Club
Haliburton County Folk Society		
Haliburton County Food Net		

BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS APPROVED FOR PROJECTS IN: SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS PLANNING AND YOUTH INTERNSHIPS

Algonquin Naturopathic Centre	Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce	Pogo Industries
Algonquin Roofing	Haliburton Highlands Land Trust	Redstone River Luge Club
Applied Geographics Inc.	Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council	Relax with Lisa
Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands	Haliburton Yoga	SIRCH
Blackbird Studio Design & Consulting	Highlands Media Arts & Minden Hills Museum	South Algonquin Trails Inc.
Canoe FM	HP Super Store	Stoneware Pottery
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H&R Block	Patient News Publishing Ltd.	Wind in the Willows Spa & Acupuncture Clinic

BUSINESS LOANS July 2005 - June 2006

Summary of Investments:

Total Funds / Loans Outstanding	\$ 6,014,060
Total Investments	\$ 2,362,657
Total Investment Portfolio	\$ 8,376,717

For our fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 the HCDC disbursed 80 loans (EODF & Investment) totalling over \$2.9 million dollars.

Loans by Municipality:

Algonquin Highlands	9
Dysart et al.	47
Highlands East	4
Minden Hills	20
Total	80

Loans by Sector:

		\$
Communications	1	\$ 125,000
Construction	8	\$ 282,874
Forestry	13	\$ 323,287
Manufacturing	4	\$ 264,961
Retail	15	\$ 678,892
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Total	80	\$ 2,996,045

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Ontarians urged to help spread the transformative power of books

The Hon. James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, is appealing to Ontarians to once again bring the magic of books to Aboriginal children by donating new or gently used books during the month of January.

Books can be dropped off at the Minden OPP detachment.

The Lieutenant Governor believes in the transformative power of books. "Too many native children in remote fly-in communities do not know how to read. Too many lack self esteem. Too many lack hope. Too many believe that no one cares about them. Too many take their lives in despair. And too many do not

have ready access to libraries that we take for granted elsewhere in the province."

"And without books, the children will never learn to read, will never develop the self-esteem that comes from obtaining an education and will never escape the despair that fuels the suicide epidemic among children and youth that has been raging out of sight and out of mind in the north of our province."

Three years ago the people of the province responded magnificently when the Lieutenant Governor launched an appeal to establish libraries in the remote communities. This time his focus is on obtaining new or gently used children's and teenage books to top up these libraries. Any surplus books will be provided to native communities elsewhere in Canada.

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NOTICE

Township of Algonquin Highlands

The Regular Meeting of Council
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The next Regular Meeting will be held
Thursday, January 18, 2007
as previously scheduled.

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For the ninth year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies of the Health Care Facilities with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters.

As of December 27 2006 "The Reach for The Future" campaign has raised **\$69,148.00**. The proceeds will assist the Foundation to pay off the \$100,000.00 capital loan on the Health Care Facilities.

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We would like to also thank all of our anonymous donors for their support. Wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy 2007.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation sincerely thank our Honourary Chairmen for our 2006 "The Reach for The Future" campaign, **Dr. Bob Heyes** and **Dr. David Fiddler**.

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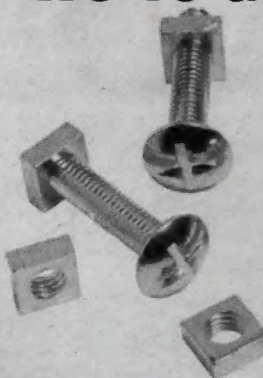
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- **Jan. 7:** S.E.A.L. presents "An Inconvenient Truth". Meet 2 p.m. at Bobcaygeon Lion's Hall for carpool to meeting location. www.sealweb.org or 738-3841 for information. Sustainable Ecological Alternatives for Living.
- **Jan. 7:** Down to Earth Conversations at Gaia Centre. Sun., 4:30 p.m. View and discuss. An Inconvenient Truth. All welcome to a potluck vegetarian supper. No costs. Please RSVP to 754-2427 or gaiacentre@sympatico.ca
- **Jan. 10, 17, 24 & 31:** A new series of Prenatal Classes is starting to help expectant parents prepare for the birth of their new baby. The Free Program is being offered by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. The classes run on Wednesdays on the dates above. It will be offered at the Ontario Early Years Centre in the Halco Plaza in Haliburton Village. Register before January 10 by calling the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Jan. 11:** Minden Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Jan. 11:** Ladies Fellowship - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the West Guilford Community Centre. For more info. Call Lyn at 457-3155 or Alice at 754-2808.
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- **Haliburton Legion Branch 129** - General Meeting - 2nd Thursday of each month (excluding January & February) at 7:30 p.m. Call 457-2571.
- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636**, Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- **For women** experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7656.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** meets every second Wednesday of each month at Camp Adelaide, which is on #118, between Haliburton & Tory Hill. The building is open from 10 a.m. for those who want to do some quilting, etc., and the general meeting starts at 1 p.m. with refreshments at mid-meeting. Guests and new members are welcome. Call Anita Dobell at 457-3723.
- **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years and over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call (705) 328-6175.
- **Township of Algonquin Highlands** - For adults and seniors in the community, Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.
- **Don't forget that Community Care** offers Contract Bridge every Monday afternoon, Bid Euchre every Thursday afternoon and Cribbage every Friday afternoon. All card games begin at 1 o'clock. Call Ida at 457-2941 for more info.
- **Al-Anon Meetings** - Are you affected by someone else's drinking? If so, Al-anon may be for you. Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8:00 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
- **If you are a senior (55+)** or a physically disabled adult (18+) and like to play cards, Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge every Mon. afternoon at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre is offered every Thurs. afternoon at 1 p.m. and Cribbage is offered every Fri. at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.
- **Every Wednesday:** Gooderham Branch, Haliburton County Public Library. Story circle at 11:30 a.m. on Pine St., in downtown Gooderham. 457-2241 or 447-3163.
- **Community Care** is looking for Brokered Workers to provide Home Help in Gooderham & Haliburton and Home Maintenance in the Wilberforce area. They offer seniors and adults with disabilities assistance with light housekeeping, yard work, snow shoveling, etc. All brokered workers are screened through our volunteer screening process. For more info. call Roxanne at 457-2941.
- **First Friday of every month:** Open Mike Nite at the Dominion Hotel, Main St. in Minden. Starts at 8 p.m. Local performers needed; musical, comedy, magic, etc. 286-6954 or 286-5035 to book your act.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info, please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **The Minden Women's Institute** meets at 1:30 p.m. every 3rd Wed. of the month. Contact 286-1588 or 754-1656 for information

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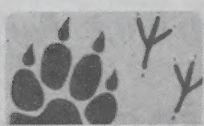
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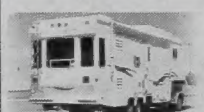
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Announcements

Births



Hi Everyone... It's me Naomi Jade Robinson. I was born on Dec. 4, 2006 weighing in at 6 lbs. 9 oz. My parents Chris & Chey Robinson, my grandparents Doug & Joanne Robinson & Deborah & Robin Martin are very excited I'm here, as are Uncle Tim, Aunt Crystal and Madison. I can't wait to meet all my new friends and family.

Until then Happy New Year to Everyone

Deaths

BAILEY, PEGGIE VICTORIA - (Peggie was a war bride and a long serving volunteer with the Canadian Cancer Society and V.O.N.) Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Saturday December 23, 2006. Peggie (Collins) of Peterborough in her 81st year. Wife of the late Merrill Bailey and Russell Neville. Dear mother of Ian Neville (Denyse) of Burlington, Bryan Neville (Marty) of Lochlin, Sherida (Terry Sibley) of Keswick, Christine (Gary Bailey) of Haliburton, Margaret (David Scheffee) of Lochlin and Graham Neville (Betty) of Edmonton. Loved by her step-children Johnston (Adela) of Richmond Hill, Candice (Ron McJury) of Erin and Rick Bailey of Myrtle Beach, S.C. Loving grandmother of Jenny (Chris Andrus), Angela (Isaac Gilbert), Jeremy, Tom (Joyce), Mike, Heather (Mike Dietrich), Cameron, Ian (Stacey), Michelle, Phillip, Brent and great grandmother to Dylan, Brennen, Bridie, Hudson, Sullivan, Skyler and Mikyla. Sister of the late Jean Barkham. A Celebration of Peggie's Life will take place at the **NISBETT FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**, 600 Monaghan Rd. S., Peterborough, (705) 745-3211 on Saturday December 30, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. Major Carl Bowes officiating. If desired, memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the V.O.N. Friends may sign the on-line book of condolence at www.nisbettfuneralhome.com

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Deaths

WELCH, James "Jim" - Passed away peacefully at the Minden Hospital on Thursday, December 28, 2006, in his 83rd year. Beloved husband of Millie Welch. Loving father of Kelly and Bob and grandfather of Carson and Kayla. Predeceased by his brother Charlie and sister Beulah. Private family arrangements. Cremation has taken place. A memorial gathering and service will be held on a date to be announced later. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 or online at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com.

In memoriam

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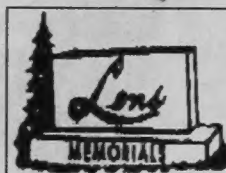
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Deaths

GILMOUR, Kim Marie (nee Gorveatt) - Passed away suddenly in Hamilton on Wednesday, December 27, 2006 in her 48th year. Beloved wife of Tim of Hamilton. Dear daughter of Lillian Gorveatt of Minden and Rodney Gorveatt of Amherst, Nova Scotia. Dear sister of Michael and his wife Jacqueline of Roseneath and the late Rod. Loving aunt of Aiden. Fondly remembered by her grandfather Arnold Gorveatt of Amherst, Nova Scotia and by her aunts, uncles, family and friends. A Private Family Service will be held at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 or online at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Monday, January 1, 2007. Memorial Donations to the Rodney Gorveatt Memorial Fund would be appreciated by the family.

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